

Chapter 10.68**TRAINS****Sections:****10.68.010 Driving through railway gates.****10.68.020 Trains not to block crossings.****Section 10.68.010 Driving through railway gates.**

No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed. (Ord. 2940 § 17.1, 1961)

Section 10.68.020 Trains not to block crossings.

No person shall cause or permit any railway train or railway cars or similar vehicle on rails to stop or stand or to be operated in such a manner as to block any grade crossings or prevent the use of any street for the purposes of travel for a period of time longer than ten minutes.

A grade crossing is defined as a place where a railroad intersects another railroad or a roadway on the same level.

This section shall not apply to railway trains, cars or similar vehicles on rails while blocking or obstructing a grade crossing for any of the following reasons:

- (1) if an emergency requires the operator of the train to stop at or near the scene of an emergency;
- (2) if the operator of the train is performing federally-mandated air-brake tests;
- (3) if the train is being operated at federally-mandated speed limits and/or physically moving at some point during the ten-minute obstruction threshold limit;
- (4) if the operator of the train is waiting for the positioning of a flagman at certain crossings during the train's operations;
- (5) if the operator of the train is performing any other federally-mandated testing which results in the blocking of the crossing. (Ord. 6544 § 1, 2000; Ord. 2940 § 17.2, 1961)